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(True extract)

W. S. Brown,

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(By order of the Governor in Council)

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(True extract)

W. S. BROWN,
Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Public Works and labour Department.

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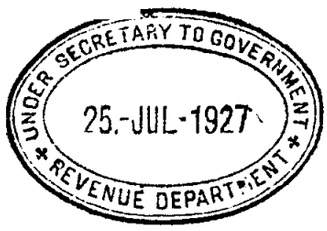

A draft order reviewing the work of the Bella and Desanur channel panchayats, resuming the management of the Bella channel & Continuing the Desanur channel panchayat for a further period of three years is subd which may be sent to Rev for perusal.

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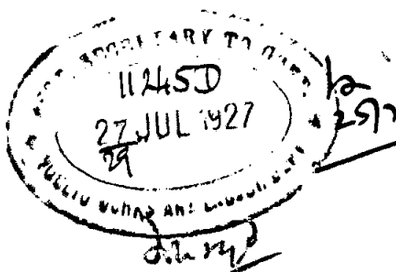

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Panchayat management

In para 3 of G.O No.
Pres 2201 of 8-8-28, the
Govt called for an annual
report on the working of the
Panchayat system from the
Collector of Bellary through the
Govt of Rev

In paragraph 3 of

Their order No. Pres 16381/(V) dt 29-7-2
It is yours have directed the
Continuance of the Panchayat
management for Desamur
Channel for a further period
of 3 years. Kindly let me
know whether an ~~annual~~
annual report should be
called for from the CDOs

Please see U.O. from the Asst Secy
11-12-20 Bdg/Rev The question as to wheth
a report is necy or not has not been
(4) discussed in the notes to G.O. No. 1638 I
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by the work of the Desamukhi
Panchayat has been found to be
satisfactory & its continuance
sanctioned for three years, no
report appears necy. The Bd can
if appd be told so. The following
ltr may be sent:-

From A.S. PW 12

To A.S. Bdg/Rev (LRS)

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Desamukhi chl, Bellary Dt - Report
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working of the Panchayat may be
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